

## PETERSBURG "WET" BY BIG MAJORITY

Anti-Saloon League Loses  
First Battle in Cities.

TWO FIGHTS MAR. ELECTION

Rev. J. Sidney Peters Has Encounter  
With Councilman, and the Negro  
Preacher Is Struck for Challenging  
Colored Votes—Result of Election  
Indicates Strong Tucker Sentiment

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Petersburg, Va., May 27.—After a bitter  
campaign, in which feeling often ran  
high, Petersburg voted "wet" to-day, with  
leading independent telephone men present  
from all parts of the State.

H. D. Crutchfield, E. H. Moulton, Frank  
H. Reed, of Chicago, and Frank L. Ream,  
of Columbus, telephone men of national  
reputation, will make addresses during  
the sessions.

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## TELEPHONE MEN MEET.

West Virginia Independents' Association  
Holds Annual Convention.  
Parkersburg, W. Va., May 27.—The  
fourth annual convention of the West  
Virginia Independent State Telephone As-  
sociation convened here to-day, with  
leading independent telephone men present  
from all parts of the State.

## RAILROADS WIN RATE CASES

Injunctions Dissolved Against Coal  
Tariff to Lakes.

Judge Kellar Says His Court Has No  
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## FORREST'S ACTS SANE

Youth Suspected of Killing  
Parents Evades Questions.

CANNOT RECALL MANY THINGS

His Attorney Stands Close by When  
Interviewers Visit Jail and Objects  
to Forcing Answers from the Prison-  
er—Appearance Shows Evidence  
of Days Spent Dodging Pursuers.

Leonardtown, Md., May 27.—That Jo-  
seph Forrest, the nineteen-year-old boy  
who is in jail here on suspicion of mur-  
dering his father and mother, Mr. and  
Mrs. William P. Forrest, in their  
Oakville home, is of sound mind and only  
physically weak is the opinion of Dr.  
Thomas Lynch, the jail physician, who  
talked with the prisoner this morning.

This opinion is shared by many others.  
The newspaper men made efforts to get  
a statement from Forrest, but he re-  
fused to answer any questions that would  
tend to incriminate him, and especially  
when his counsel, William T. Loker, cau-  
tioned his client to remain silent.

Reporters Ask Questions.  
When the reporters got at Forrest they  
asked:  
"When did you last see your mother?"  
"I don't remember."  
"When did you leave home?"  
"I don't know."  
"Is this the same suit of clothes you  
wore when you left home?"  
"I think it is."  
"Why did you hit your father with the  
axe?"

"I object to such a line of cross-ques-  
tioning," shouted Attorney Loker. "This  
man is in my care and I am going to pro-  
tect his rights. It is cruel to try and ex-  
tract facts from him that would incrimi-  
nate him."

Favored Examination.  
State's Attorney Combs wanted the  
examination to go on, but Forrest obeyed  
the command of Attorney Loker and re-  
mained silent.

Members of the posse which unsuccess-  
fully searched the woods day after day  
for two weeks are not very much sur-  
prised at the discovery that Forrest was  
able to remain in the vicinity without  
being discovered. The condition of his  
face, hands, and feet makes it plain  
that he had been in the dense and almost im-  
penetrable undergrowth. It is easy to  
conceive that he might many times have  
been within a few yards of the search-  
ers without being seen.

The recent rains saturated the ground,  
and so far as can be conjectured the boy  
had no other shelter than the foliage  
of the trees.

Forrest says he lived for days on  
acorns, chestnuts, and by milking cows in  
the fields at night.

AGAIN CALLED TO FLORIDA.

Charlottesville School President Of-  
fered Head of College.

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Charlottesville, Va., May 27.—Dr. H. W.  
Tribble, president of Rawlings Institute  
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## DECORATED BY LEOPOLD.

James G. Whiteley Is Made Knight  
of Royal Order.

Baltimore, May 27.—James Gustavus  
Whiteley, who for the last five years  
has represented King Leopold, of Bel-  
gium, in this country, in the official ca-  
pacity of consul general of the Congo,  
has been made a Knight of the Royal  
Order of the Crown by King Leopold, in  
recognition of his past services, and as a  
mark of his majesty's good will and es-  
teem. Cardinal Gibbons was decorated  
with the same order by King Leopold  
about a year ago.

ENDED HIS LIFE IN A WELL

Thomas Loy Commits Suicide Near  
Lucketts, Va.

He Had Been Acting in a Fae-  
manner Late—Owner of a Farm,  
and Leaves Family.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Boyd's, Md., May 27.—Thomas Loy,  
brother of Z. S. Loy, a well-known farmer  
of this vicinity, committed suicide yester-  
day morning at Lucketts, Va., fifteen  
miles from here, across the Potomac  
River, and was found after several hours'  
quest by a searching party. Mr. Loy  
acted queerly yesterday, and for the last  
three weeks a close watch had been  
kept on him.

While no one was watching yesterday  
he tore the boards from a well some dis-  
tance from his home and jumped into  
twenty feet of water, where he was  
found some hours later. He owned a  
farm at Lucketts. He was in his sev-  
enty-fifth year, and three children sur-  
vive him.

INSPECT ORE FIELDS.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and Party  
to West Virginia.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Charleston, W. Va., May 27.—John D.  
Rockefeller, Jr., and half a dozen Stand-  
ard Oil officials spent to-day inspecting  
the ore fields in Lincoln County. They  
stopped over here to-night for half an hour  
on their return East.

SMART SET WORST SMUGGLERS

Society Women Dodge Customs  
Most, Says Former Collector.

Edward S. Fowler Says "S3,000 Ruby  
Ring" Was Worth  
Only \$7.

"New York, May 27.—Startling revelations  
as to the extent and methods resorted to  
by society women to smuggle foreign-  
born jewelry into this country, cheating  
Uncle Sam out of his due and his duty,  
are made by former Collector of the Port  
Edward S. Fowler in an article in the  
Saturday Evening Post, published to-day.

The writer tells of "a society lady of  
great wealth," who within the past year  
brought in forty trunks and filled to state  
that she had any desirable articles, and  
when the inspectors found otherwise  
bribes were offered them.

Next day she appeared at the collector's  
office with her lawyers and made charges  
against the officers. The latter were  
cleared after a sharp cross-examination of  
the society smuggler herself.

The case was turned over to the  
United States district attorney, with the  
result that the woman paid \$10,000 in  
costs and penalty.

Col. Fowler says he agreed to the com-  
promise only because it was impossible  
to convict a woman in a case in which  
the United States was the complainant.

Declaring that American dressmakers  
employ nonresident women to bring their  
consignments of valuable gowns and  
Parisian millinery into this country through  
the mails to Miss Katherine Elkins, of  
this city, who is believed to be the  
former collector tells of the widow of a retired  
army officer who brought in \$15,000 worth  
of gowns, ready for the job her traveling  
expenses and several hundred dol-  
lars.

The gowns were forfeited and the  
French firm and several Americans were  
convicted of smuggling.

The former collector tells for the first  
time the true story of the much-exploited  
ruby ring sent to this country through  
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